

Greater Michigan Fair Offering Silver Cup To Michigan Fruit Growers

Never in the history of the state of Michigan has the interest in the Greater Michigan Fair, to be held at Grand Rapids September 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, been so great as it is at the present time, for the reason that it is becoming generally known that the class of exhibits to be given there this year is much superior to anything that has been shown in the past.

It will be noted that the name Greater Michigan Fair is used instead of West Michigan State Fair because the latter is representative of what the fair really is, what it stands for, the development and progress of the greatest portion of this great commonwealth.

Influential men have become greatly interested, especially in the fruit exhibit, and as before noted, the apple, in fact, the entire fruit exhibit will be the best ever assembled in the middle west. Realizing this to be the case and anxious to do anything it can to further the best interests of Western Michigan, the Grand Rapids Savings bank has donated two silver cups, worth respectively \$150.00 and \$100.00 for first and second prizes in the fruit



FIRST PRIZE CUP

exhibits. The cups are to be given to the individual grower, the county or association, or any organization representing a county that makes the



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stance, the Western Michigan Development Bureau.) These cups will be exhibited in the different cities of Western Michigan for two or three days in each place. The rules of the contest are being arranged by Mr. G. M. Dame of Northport, Michigan, who has charge of the fruit department of the fair and these rules will be announced later. Great interest is already being taken in this fruit contest and a number of counties are organizing with a view of capturing the prizes, and the individual growers are getting ready for active competition.

WAR DECLARED ON RABIES BY LIVESTOCK COMMISSION.

Lansing.—The Michigan state livestock sanitary commission is making plans to wage war on rabies during the coming summer. President H. H. Halladay said that people are apt to underestimate the prevalence of the disease.

"Records of our office show an alarming extent of trouble from rabies," said Halladay. "Great loss in livestock and a sad record of death of persons are the annual toll."

"Our method of procedure is to respond to such a call as speedily as possible and to establish an immediate quarantine until we have reports from analyses of specimens sent to a laboratory. In case actual proof shows rabies, then we resort to radical measures and protect the public by ordering killed or confined all dogs or other animals thought suspicious. It is surprising how loath some people are to part with a worse than useless dog rather than help in the necessary work to eradicate the terrible scourge."

Grange organizations, making it the third Grange state in the Union. The local organization is called the subordinate Grange, the country has the Pomona Grange and there are the state and national organizations, so that all communities are represented. The aim and purpose of the society is to improve in every way, and especially socially, the people of the rural communities; the spirit of democracy

prevails and the essentials which qualify one for membership are interests in agriculture and, the all important, clean character. It aims to do away with individualism, to sound a new watchword, namely, co-operative effort. And I would quote, 'Your task is to democratize this age of civilization and to give the average man that which is deemed to be the privilege of the few.'

Industrial Situation

Gaged By Industry

Gas and Electricity Becoming More of Barometer of Business Conditions.

Grand Rapids.—Further criticism of the optimistic tone taken in a recent financial article appearing in the New York papers should be allowed to fall to the ground with its own weight, but unfortunately there are too many people predisposed to look upon the dark side of every question. As steel used to be looked upon as the barometer of business conditions so are public utilities now, especially gas and electricity.

While gas is becoming daily more important in the industrial field, it has not reached the stage of universal use that would make it a criterion by which industrial conditions can be gauged. With electricity, however, it is different, because there is not a central station plant in the country probably that does not furnish more or less electric power for manufacturing purposes, and the increase in central station output can be attributed largely to industrial growth. That being the case, a glance at the situation

commodity has become unquestionably one of the necessities of modern life in America.

The safety, stability and all round desirability of gas securities from the investor's standpoint are fully recognized by financial authorities. Their record is not excelled by any class of securities even among public utilities, which are conceded to be in general the safest and most desirable of all.

Gas companies are more certain, perhaps, than any other public utilities to retain their character as monopolies. The good of the public service will ever require this. The extraordinary first cost of preparing to supply a city with gas with one half the construction underlying the streets and thoroughfares prohibits duplication of investment whether by municipal or private capital. Competing gas companies cannot exist in any city without adding to the cost of service to the public in either interest or taxes and the uses of gas would be required sooner or later to carry the burden of duplicated investment.

Exploitation of the public for excessive profit has ceased. Political exploitation of public utilities is no



FIELD GEOLOGY, MICHIGAN COLLEGE OF MINES.

The field work in geology at the Michigan College of Mines begins on July 20 and lasts six weeks. Two weeks of this time are spent in working out the copper-bearing formations in the Keweenaw Peninsula, and the rest of it around Marquette and Negaunee tracing out the iron-bearing series on the Marquette Range. The outcrops and ore-bodies are located and maps and cross-sections made showing the topography and formation of the two districts. The students are away from the College for five weeks. They live in private houses or in tents. The course is open to any one who has studied elementary geology and mineralogy.

MASTER OF GRANGE TALKS.

J. C. Ketcham Tells of Early History of Grange in Talk at Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society.

Lansing.—At a meeting of the Michigan Pioneer and Historical Society, Master Ketcham of the Grange gave a talk on "The History and Purpose of the Grange Movement in the State of Michigan."

"The Grange movement is the most important farmer movement of the day," said Mr. Ketcham. "It is the oldest of the farmer organizations and was started in December, 1867, in Washington, D. C., by a group of men, who were at this time clerks in a department of the government and included only one farmer. These men realized the need of an organization to speak for the farmers and this first meeting started as a response to the real need. The first two or three years the development was slow, but in the years 1871, 1872 and 1873 it spread like wildfire over the country; then it suffered another decline until 1881, when it rapidly advanced, until at the present time the state of Michigan has over 60,000 Grange members and 900 subordinate

from an electrical standpoint will show that optimism as to the future and satisfaction with present conditions are warranted.

Taking central station data for the states of Ohio, Michigan, Wisconsin and Indiana, as compiled by the Electrical World during March, 1914, 124,175,200 kilowatt hours were consumed as against 104,470,875 kilowatt hours in 1913, an increase of 14.1 per cent, yielding a gross income for March, 1914, of \$2,239,496 as against \$2,068,000 in 1913, a gain of 13.2 per cent. Taking a combination of all groups for the periods mentioned, it will be seen that the electrical business in the United States in March, 1914, yielded a gross income of \$12,274,000, as against \$11,125,430 in March, 1913, an increase of 11.02 per cent. The energy output in kilowatt hours for 1914 was 441,700,000, an increase of 12.8 per cent over 1913.

In view of the political and alleged financial uncertainty at home and abroad, such figures as above quoted should immediately and effectively set at rest any misgivings as to the fundamental condition of manufacturing in the United States, especially when the fact is taken into consideration that no large stocks are being carried and that there is no over-production. The condition is reflected in the gas situation, the increase in output being fully as large as that of electricity due to the healthy and steady growth of the cities of this country.

It would seem that these figures would well answer the question why it is that such public utility securities as the American Light and Traction, the Hyllesby properties, the Stone & Webster securities, Commonwealth Light & Power, the Doherty group, American Public Utilities, and the United Light & Railways securities are so generally looked upon as good investments.

The manufacture of illuminating and fuel gas now stands fourth in importance in American manufacture, having a capital invested of \$915,737,000.

It is interesting to note that comparisons of growth in the manufacturing of gas with the growth of the population of the cities served show that the use of gas is increased more than three times as fast as the population. From 1900 to 1910 the increase in the urban population of the United States was 34.8 per cent. The American Gas Light Journal gives the increase in the value of illuminating gas produced as 120.3 per cent. These facts supply convincing proof of the growing favor with which gas is regarded by the general public and that this stable and cheap

longer effective. Co-operation is fast becoming the rule and hostility the exception.

Auburn.—Joseph Rezowski, 19 years old, son of a farmer, was swimming, when he was seized with cramps and went down. Several companions dragged him out and assisted a doctor, who was summoned from nearby, in saving his life.

SHORT STATE STORIES

Galesburg.—"I'm all in, for God's sake, save me," was the drowning cry of Elmer Pike, 36, a carpenter, when he was seized with cramps and sunk to his death in the Kalamazoo river. His wife and little daughter watched him drown, unable to offer assistance. Pike was in bathing just below the old cider mill dam. He sank in about 15 feet of water. His body had been recovered. Pike was a former resident of Kalamazoo.

Standish.—Col. George A. Loud, ex-congressman from this, the Tenth Michigan district, has closed a deal, selling what is known through this section as the Loud line, extending from Au Sable 60 miles northwest to Cummins, to the Detroit & Mackinaw Railroad company, and will be used as a branch of this road. The deal has been pending a long time.

Petoskey.—Joseph Priss, 15 years old, was drowned while swimming in Maple river, in Center township, in spite of efforts of his brother, John, and Walter Bayfus to save him. The boy evidently suffered cramps and sank before aid could reach him.

Saginaw.—Wright Smith, 19, was thrown from a motorcycle while riding 50 miles an hour and his arm was broken.

Hastings.—Judge Clement Smith, was called to Chicago by the death of his brother-in-law, Dr. Adrian Coulter, for many years a resident of Eaton county. Coulter graduated from the medical department of the U. of M. He enlisted in Eaton county and served through the rebellion.

Saginaw.—Saginaw shippers and receivers of freight have passed resolutions protesting against the proposed increase in freight rates and the proposed mileage system.

Ann Arbor.—A two days' alfalfa campaign in this county was started Tuesday, a party of expert alfalfa growers leaving the city in automobiles for a trip over the county.

Whitehall.—Arrangements have been perfected for the Chicago Boy Scout camp at Crystal lake, three miles east of here. Several hundred Chicago youths will spend their summer vacations at this camp and a large number will be present at the opening.

Kalamazoo.—Officers have asked permission from the health officers to remove the body of a baby from the grave where it had been buried, deeming an investigation into its death advisable. Stories have come to the officers that the baby was put to death by its parents.

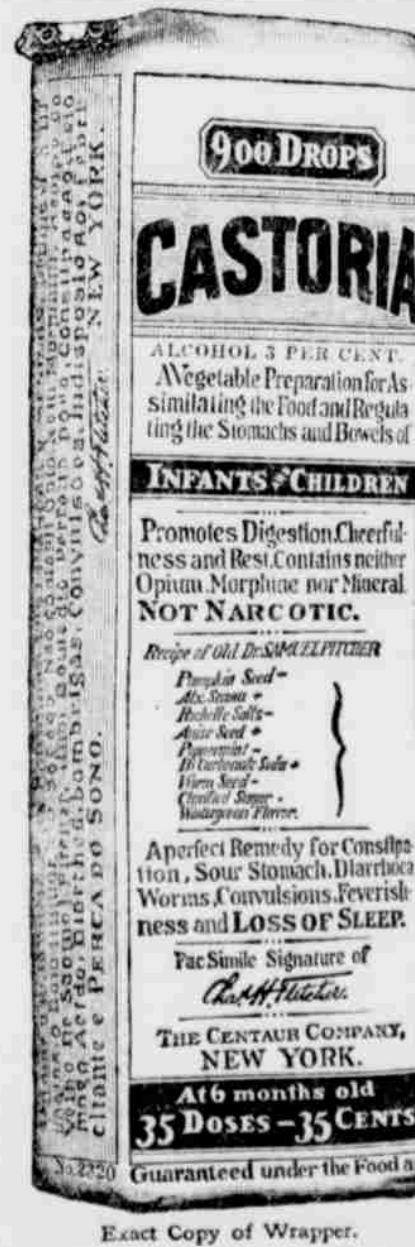
Saginaw.—Word has been received from Marie and Kittle Behoritz, Saginaw girls who were walking to Ensenet that they are in Omaha, 900 miles on their journey, and in perfect health. Governors of all states they visited have given them letters to the governor of California.

Not Such a Simple Matter.

"You don't believe in peace," said Mr. Dolan.

"I do, indeed," replied Mr. Rafferty. "I admire peace greatly, but the process of securing it may be difficult. It often takes a fight to determine who shall be doing the talking and laying down the law while peace reigns."

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